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1. The Examiner Acknowledges the receipt and entry of the reply brief filed December 18, 2006.

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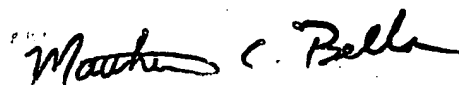
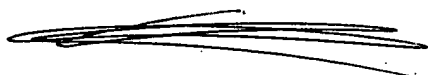
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